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SUBJECT: "REGION OF WAR" DEFINED BY GOE IN POSITION GIVEN TO
BRITISH

1. BRITISH EMBASSY COUNSELOR FABER, ACTING IN PLACE OF
AMBASSADOR ADAMS WHO IS IN ALEXANDRIA, HAS BRIEFED US ON
DETAILS OF MEETING TO WHICH HE HAD BEEN SUMMONED BY
FOREIGN UNDERSECRETARY KHALIL. MEETING OCCURRED
AT 1600 HOURS LOCAL. FABER SAID KHALIL REPEATED ALLEGATIONS
BROADCAST IN MILITARY COMMUNIQUE OF ISRAELI ATTACKS ON
EGYPTIAN POSITIONS THIS AFTERNOON. KHALIL SAID THAT EGYPTIANS
HAD DETERRED ATTACKS AND ARE IN STATE OF SELF DEFENSE. HE ADDED
THAT ISRAELIS HAD CLEARLY BEEN PREPARING TO ATTACK EGYPT
SINCE THEIR "AGGRESSION" ON SYRIA SEPTEMBER 13.

2. KHALIL THEN SAID THAT HMG SHOULD NOTE THAT "REGION
OF WAR" EXISTED WITHIN FOLLOWING BOUNDARIES: (A) SOUTH
OF LATITUDE 33 DEGREES NORTH; (B) EAST OF LATITUDE
29 DEGREES 20 MINUTES EAST; (C) NORTH OF LATITUDE 23 DEGREES
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TEN MINUTES NORTH. EASTERN BOUNDARY WAS NOT DEFINED.

3. FABER ASKED KHALIL WHETHER PRESENT SITUATION WAS IN
ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH MILITARY EXERCISES WHICH EGYPTIAN

FORCES HAD BEEN CONDUCTING IN PAST WEEK. KHALIL ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SUCH EXERCISES HAD TAKEN PLACE, BUT DISMISSED THEM AS NORMAL TRAINING. HE REITERATED THAT EGYPT HAD BEEN PREPARING FOR FURTHER ISRAELI AGGRESSION FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER 13 AIR ATTACKS BY IAF ON SYRIA.

4. FABER WAS TOLD THAT OTHER REPS OF BIG 5 UNSC MEMBERS WERE BEING SUMMONED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY TO BE SIMILARLY INFORMED OF GOE POSITION. AS OF 1800 LOCAL, FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS NOT CONTACTED US.
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